

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Oct 10th, 2016

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Kathleen Lock, and Bob Wood. Members absent were Bill Krause and Amy Parker. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the Oct 10th, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy lock to approve the Oct 10 12th, 2016 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried unanimously,3-0.***

4. Approval of the Sept. 12th, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Sept 12th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried 3-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

There was no significant Mail received this month.

6. Mayoral or council Updates

There was a break-in of sorts on the north end of town. Nothing was stolen but the two intruders were living in the house. In this case, the back door had no deadbolt so it was easy entry. If your house is seasonal or a rental, please be sure to secure your doors and windows for the season.

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the Sept 2016 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Handouts were available at the meeting.

Motion: *Bob Wood made a motion to approve the Sept. 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Kathy lock seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 3-0.***

- B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator.** *Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked on two projects for a total of 8 hours.*

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Angela Tibbets report was presented by Kathy Lock. At this point we have a 92% collection Rate.

D Town Street Committee report

Jimmy Dalton noted that the Radar Sign on the north end was repaired after the storm.

The pavilion will be shut down on Oct 31st and the bathrooms will be winterized

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓ **USDA Grant 1**

✓ The second \$30,000.00 grant was awarded on Sept 21st and the study should start in the near future.

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✓ **USDA Grant 2**

✓ *We are at the beginning of this study. Kathy Lock, Jimmy Dalton and Cynthia Lyons attended a Meeting with the Sussex County engineer's office and they had some interesting discussion about a possible sewer system in the future. More about this will be discussed at the Nov. meeting.*

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant**

The Tucker house has a 1-year extension at this point.

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

Community Outreach Meeting held on Oct. 8 from 10-12 was well attended and very informative.

There was a great planned presentation and many tables around the room with educational displays on several subjects. The Univ of DE placed flood level meters throughout the town the day before.

The town supplied lunch that was prepared by the ladies Aux and it was great.

b) Phragmites

Mayor and Treasurer relayed the plan to spray contiguous area in the Beach Plum and along Bay Ave on the Marsh side.

c) Update on the 500-600 Block of Bay Ave fill discussion with DNREC and the Army Corps of Engineers

The Army Corp has designated this area as a wetland. We have requested that this designation be changed. We have met with the Corp a few times and are waiting for a letter from them to start the process of changing this designation.

c) Trash Grant

We received a \$500.00 grant from Rep. Harvey Kenton's Office. We are checking with Republic to see how we can best use this grant. We might look into an extra pick-up after the 4th of July.

8. New Business:

1. Presentation of the annual Audit by Sombar and Assoc.

Tom Sombar reviewed the annual audit with the council. Revenue was up in both the General account and the Real Estate transfer fund account and liabilities were also down in both.

The General fund is up 50% over the last 4 years. This has allowed us to create a rainy day fund that would cover our expenses for 4 months in just the last year. We will aim for at least 6 months in the future but this is a great start.

The Real Estate fund is up almost \$50,000.00 in the past 4 years and if building and real estate transaction stay at current rates, that should also do well going forward.

Sombar has requested that we start to develop written policies in both governance and operations but other than that Tom seemed very pleased with the audit and the fiscal share of our town.

2 Banking relationship change.

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS

10 Upcoming Events

1 – Flu shots at the fire hall – Oct 12 @5-7 PM.

2 – Town Council Meeting Nov 14 @ 7:00 PM.

13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Lock @ 8:20 PM and seconded by Bob Wood Vote 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary